THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Construction of National Highways and Bridges in Bihar

687. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the National Highways and bridges in Bihar recommended by the National Traffic Development Council for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan by the Union Government;

(b) the areas in which these are proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to get the construction work of these National Highways and bridges started during the first half of the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Government is not aware of any organisation knows as the "National Traffic Development Council" or the recommendations made by it. Even otherwise the 8th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised and as such it is too early to indicate the works on various National Highways to be taken up during the 8th Plan in the country as a whole including Bihar, as well as any new National Highways to be added to the existing grid.

[English]

SC/ST and Minority Communities Judges in Supreme Court

688. SHRI SURESH KODIKKUNNIL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Judges in Supreme Court at present;

(b) the number of Judges belonging to SC/ST, OBCs, minority communities and women Judges out of them;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide adequate representation to the above categories, while filling up the vacant posts; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) Appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court are made in terms of relevant provisions of the Constitution of India which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. As on 22-7-91, against the actual strength of 25 Judges, there were 2 Judges belonging to Scheduled Castes, none belonging to Scheduled Tribe and 1 woman Judge in the Supreme Court of India. The information regarding Judges belonging to Other Backward Classes and minority communities is not available at present and will be placed on the table as soon as the same is available.

Punctual Running of DTC Buses

689. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for punctual running of the Delhi Transport Corporation buses in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any surprise checks are made to ensure punctual running of DTC buses;